

IDAHO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Youth Program Design Committee February 20, 2008, Meeting Minutes Boise, Idaho

Committee Chair Jim Schmidt welcomed the group and outlined the task of the committee to conduct a review of the design and procurement options for youth program services as required by WIA regulations and report recommendations back to the Workforce Development Council.

Staff reviewed the fact that WIA funding has been dramatically reduced over the past six years and that this design review process needed to address three questions:

- 1) Who should we serve?
- 2) What services should be offered? and
- 3) Who should deliver these services and how should we obtain the services?

The committee determined that it would focus on the first question in this meeting and once establishing priorities on “who” the services should be provided to, would then proceed to focus on the next two questions.

Staff walked through the current eligibility requirements of the WIA youth program as well as the current distribution formula and the demographics of current WIA youth participants with questions and discussion from committee members.

There was a discussion about other youth service providers and how WIA could leverage those resources and partner with these service providers to ensure the best use of the limited WIA youth resources. Staff were asked to meet with youth service providers to help better determine gaps in services to youth and how WIA resources might best be utilized in leveraging other partner resources.

The committee determined to hold their next meeting in conjunction with the full Workforce Development Council meeting in Twin Falls on May 8. The committee would like to make final recommendations during the council’s September 2008 meeting with implementation scheduled for January 2009.

Attendance:

Committee Members:

In Person:

Jim Schmidt, Chair

By Conference Call:

Kara Besst

Jan Nielsen

Idaho Department of Labor staff:

Cheryl Brush

Kay Vaughan

Dwight Johnson